

DNREC's Division of Parks & Recreation to hold low digit surf tag auction at 3rd annual Boo-Que

DOVER – DNREC's Division of Parks & Recreation will hold a live auction for low-digit surf fishing tags at 2:30 pm, Saturday, Oct. 21 at Delaware Seashore State Park. The auction will take place during the third annual "Boo-Que by the Sea," a two-day barbeque cook-off competition that begins Friday, Oct. 20 at the park.

The Boo-Que by the Sea features a wide variety of family-friendly activities including a 5K race on Saturday, Oct. 21. All proceeds from the Boo-Que event will benefit the John and Linda Hollis Delaware Children in Nature Endowment Fund, which enables opportunities for children to participate in outdoor experiences.

This year's auction will feature the opportunity to bid on surf tag #6 as well as Division of Motor Vehicles black tag #6898 with a matching low-digit surf fishing tag. The live auction will also include a select number of other low-digit surf tag plates. Tag numbers available for auction can be found at <http://www.destateparks.com/lowdigittag/> or <http://www.usgovbid.com/>

The DMV black tag #6898 and matching low-digit surf fishing tag are being auctioned with proceeds to benefit the endowment fund.

The black and white tags have a unique, vintage look with raised letters. Bidding for the tags will open at \$250. The winning bidder for each tag will receive a certificate of authenticity. Once purchased, owners will retain the tag as

long as they have a valid surf fishing permit. Revenue raised will directly benefit DNREC's Division of Parks & Recreation and surf fishing beach access.

Since the first Low Digit Surf Tag Auctions held in the fall of 2015, 145 tags have been sold. Revenue from these sales totaled \$431,799, with an average of \$2,978 per tag.

There is a \$5 admission to the Boo-Que which includes the live auction.

For information on the Boo-Que BBQ competition and Family Festival visit <http://www.boo-que.com/>.

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